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SUBJECT: PRESSLER AMENDMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR POSTS' GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE INQUIRIES ON THE PRESSLER AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD DENY FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PARTIAL GRAINS EMBARGO.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 26 BY A NARROW MARGIN THE SENATE PASSED THE PRESSLER AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE AND THE JUDICIARY. THE AMENDMENT WOULD PROHIBIT THE USE OF FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PARTIAL GRAINS EMBARGO. HOWEVER, SINCE THE HOUSE REJECTED THE SAME AMENDMENT OVERWHELMINGLY IN JULY, THE FATE OF THE PRESSLER AMENDMENT WILL BE DECIDED BY A HOUSE/SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE CONGRESS RECESSES FOR THE ELECTION. THE ADMINISTRATION IS HOPEFUL THAT THE PRESSLER AMENDMENT WILL BE REJECTED BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WHEN CONGRESS RECONvenes.

3. ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON THE GRAINS EMBARGO REMAINS UNCHANGED. US GRAINS SALES TO THE USSR IN FY 1988/89, THE UNCHANGED. US GRAINS SALES TO THE USSR IN FY 1988/89, THE LAST YEAR OF THE US-USSR GRAINS AGREEMENT, WILL BE LIMITED TO THE 4 MILLION METRIC TONS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE EMBARGO IS AN IMPORTANT SIGNAL TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT WE CANNOT OPERATE ON A "BUSINESS AS USUAL" BASIS WHILE SOVIET AGGRESSION AGAINST AFGHANISTAN CONTINUES. RUSSIE

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